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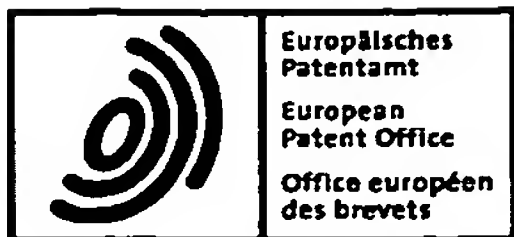
Re: European Patent Application 05 712 282.2
CEPHALON, INC.

I refer to the communication pursuant to Rule 70(2) EPC dated 15th May 2008 issued in connection with this application. I hereby state that the Applicant does indeed wish to proceed further with this application.

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Proceeding further with the European patent application pursuant to Rule 70(2) EPC

A supplementary European search report has been drawn up concerning the above European patent application (publication number 1718607).

Since a request for examination has been filed (R. 70(1) EPC) and the examination fee has been paid (Art. 94(1) EPC) prior to the transmission of the supplementary European search report, you are hereby invited to indicate within

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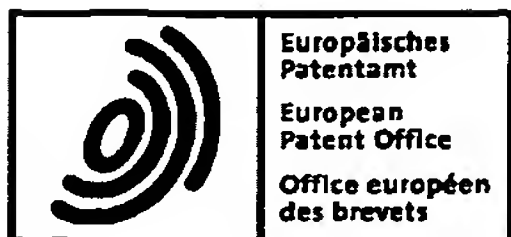
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Communication

The European Patent Office herewith transmits as an enclosure the supplementary European search report under Article 153(7) EPC for the above-mentioned European patent application.

If applicable, copies of the documents cited in the European search report are attached.

☒ Additional set(s) of copies of the documents cited in the European search report is (are) enclosed as well.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY
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EP 05 71 2282

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
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X,L	EP 0 233 106 A (LAFON LABOR [FR]) 19 August 1987 (1987-08-19) * page 7, line 26 - page 12, line 21 * -----	1-3,13, 14,20,21	
			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (IPC)
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Place of search Munich		Date of completion of the search 10 April 2008	Examiner Pérez Carlón, Raquel
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons & : member of the same patent family, corresponding document			



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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

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- ☐ All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, the Search Division did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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- ☐ None of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims, namely claims:
- ☒ The present supplementary European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims (Rule 164 (1) EPC).



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-3, 13(part), 14, 20(part)-21(part)

compositions comprising 2:1 R:S modafinil, their synthesis
and method of treatment using them

2. claims: 4-6, 13(part), 15, 20(part)-21(part), 22

R-(-)-modafinil form III, preparation and use

3. claims: 7-9, 13(part), 17, 20(part)-21(part), 28-30

R-(-)-modafinil form V, preparation and use

4. claims: 10-12, 13(part), 16, 20(part)-21(part), 27

R-(-)-modafinil form IV, preparation and use

5. claims: 23-26

solvates of R-(-)-modafinil

The only linking concept among the different independent claims are crystalline forms of modafinil and their enantiomers, that are already state of the art (see for example EP-233106 or W002/10125) together with their use for the treatment of narcolepsy. This feature is therefore not a special technical feature in the sense of Rule 44 EPC.

**ANNEX TO THE EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT
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